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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the outstanding election of species requirement in the above-identified application, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention identified as Species II, corresponding to Figures 6 and 9. Applicants believe that each of pending claims 1-6 read on the elected species.

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